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In re Application of  
JIAN-YUN DONG, et al.  
U.S. Application No.: 09/600,521  
PCT No.: PCT/US99/26221  
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For: A METHOD OF TREATING TUMORS  
USING FAS-INDUCED APOPTOSIS

Dear Ms. Chen:

This is in response to your communication received 22 March 2001 requesting the status of U.S. application 09/600,521, which was filed as a national stage application of international application PCT/US99/26221. A review of the application file reveals that applicants did not request to begin national examination procedures pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time set in 35 U.S.C. 37(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). As a result of the entry of international application PCT/US99/26221 into Chapter II on 31 May 2000, the 30 month time period does not expire until 06 May 2001. National stage processing will commence after that date.

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